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Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PROVIDING UPDATED ENCRYPTION KEY PAIRS AND DIGITAL SIGNATURE KEY PAIRS IN A PUBLIC KEY SYSTEM

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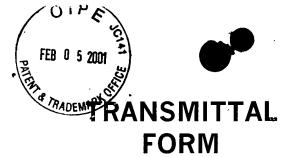
Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated December 1, 2000 regarding the above-captioned patent application, the Applicants hereby respectfully submit the following response.

## **REMARKS**

Applicants respectfully traverse and request reconsideration.

In response to Applicants' arguments, the Office Action indicates that the claim language does not support the conclusion that with Applicants' system the user does not select the expiry time of the public/private key pair. Applicants respectfully disagree. Applicants' claims, for example Claim 1, specifically require that the multi-client manager unit, namely, a suitably programmed certification authority or other suitable trust authority (see, e.g., Specification, page 4, ll. 15-17) provides the selectable digital signature expiry data including at least public verification key expiry data, and selectable



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